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Membership

Let me tell you a tale of two cities. Or rather, a tale of two Valleys.

One major Scottish Rite Valley, steeped in 165 years of history in a major American city with more than 300 years of history, had owned their building for 110 years when the building was sold for \$3.25 million in 2015. The future of the building is uncertain, and the Valley meets at a local Lodge building in a nondescript building in the middle of a shabby, under-developed industrial park. (It took me a long time to find the building on Google Maps simply because I refused to believe that a Lodge would be located there.) I looked at their Valley website for events.

The Reunion would be done in a neighboring Valley, 80 miles away. The calendar lists only 5 business meetings from August to December and one Reunion.



That bears the question, why would anyone be a member? On a final effort to find out the status of the Valley, I reached out to a knowledgeable friend in the area and asked what they had done to save the building. Were their fundraisers? Was there a membership drive? Nothing, nope and nope.

Another Valley had their historic century-old home on the market, and the fate of

the Valley was uncertain. In this case, the members rallied. Today that Valley hosts wedding rentals and has served as the backdrop for several Hollywood movies. The Shakespeare Theater performs there and the Opera practices in their theater. Master Craftsmen classes meet over pizza, community performances regularly use the building, and it continues to be a vibrant part of the community.

One of the saddest things in Freemasonry is when a Lodge folds. In every town, Masonry across America has been part of the fabric of the community, often for more than a century. When a Scottish Rite Valley folds, it represents Brethren from a dozen different Lodges. Many Brethren simply see no point in keeping their membership when the building sells and their home is lost.

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Orient Calendar

Mar 8 Broadway Series: *The Hot Sardines* (O)
 Mar 10 Hastings Spring Reunion (H)
 Mar 16 Masonic All-Star Marching Band (Lincoln, NE)
 Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Apr 5, 6, 7 . Scottish Rite Leadership Conference (Omaha, NE)
 Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
 Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 Apr 13-14 Alliance Spring Reunion (A)
 Apr 19 Ethics on Trial (O)
 May 4-5 Lincoln Spring Reunion (L)
 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesday Masonic Lunch (H)
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursday Masonic Lunch (L)
 May 17, 18, 19 Omaha Spring Reunion (O)
 May 19 *Celebrating the Craft* (A, H, L, O)
 May TBD Give Hastings Day (H)
 May 23 Omaha Gives (O)
 May 31 Give to Lincoln Day (L)
 Jun 2 (tentative) Nebraska Shrine Bowl (Kearney, NE)
 Jun 3 Broadway Series: *Wicked* (O)
 Jun 13 RiteCare Classic at Pacific Springs (O)
 Jun 23 WalkRite for RiteCare (O)
 July 15-19 Shrine Imperial Session (Daytona, FL)
 Oct 12-13 ... *Nebraska Statewide Scottish Rite Reunion (at Hastings)*
 Oct 19 Friends of Scottish Rite Dinner and Auction (O)

Lodge of Perfection meetings:

Alliance, 4th Friday of each month

March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22

Hastings, 1st Tuesday of each month

March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5

Lincoln, 3rd Wednesday of each month

March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20

Omaha, 3rd Monday of each month

March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18

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The Spring Reunion is coming up on April 13-14, 2018! Plan to drop by, watch the Degrees, and welcome our new 32° Princes of the Royal Secret.

I have never shied away from our challenges as a small and rural Valley - the distance to travel to events, being chief among them. This brings me to two related themes that affect us.



First, studies show that people increasingly identify by their "tribe." Tribes are the groupings of people founded upon shared ideas and values, such as college groups which often tout themselves like independent countries. As such, we declare ourselves to be part of "Husker Nation," whether we live in New York or Scottsbluff or Lincoln. Second, we value our time over our treasure. Younger members don't see it worth the time to drive from Scottsbluff to a meeting in Alliance (and often not even a Lodge meeting in their home town), even if they are proud to say they are Masons. In an age of competing interests between work and parenthood, time is a valuable commodity.

So if we are to attract and retain people, we need to add to the quality of members lives. We need to put value into being a member of the "Scottish Rite Nation" perhaps more so than into the forms and traditions of the Lodge meeting itself. If time is precious, how do we create these opportunities to connect that welcomes members in these newly emerging trends?

If the business meeting is an outdated obstacle to joining, would members respond to a weekly or monthly dinner that welcomes families, invites an interesting speaker, and reinforces our membership and shared bonds in the Scottish Rite Nation through Masonic education? Our Valley - because of our rural nature and membership - has the unique ability to reinvent our membership to engage members in their hometown as well as at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Alliance.

What do you want to see in your Valley? How can we add meaning to your membership in our unique tribe? E-mail me at gene123@mail.com with your ideas, and I promise you, we will do what we can to adapt Scottish Rite Masonry (within reason) to new ideas and thinking.

Central Nebraska Valley Hosting Fall Statewide Reunion

The Central Nebraska Scottish Rite at Hastings will host an all-state Reunion on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Information will be made available as details are arranged, but we will have a block of hotel rooms available in Hastings. Degree teams are invited from Lincoln, Alliance, and Omaha to add to the five mandatory degrees (4°, 14°, 18°, 30° and 32°). Please reach out to your General Secretary if you would like to coordinate a Degree team hitting the road to Hastings. Let's make this a great experience for our Candidates!

If you haven't seen the Degrees in other Valleys, this is a great opportunity. While we all "sing from the same hymnal" with our work, the Degrees are all done a bit differently, based on costumes, scenery, and Valley traditions across the state. It is worth watching the Degrees to get some ideas to bring back to your home Valley, and meet Brethren from around the state as well!



Hastings 18° Degree, Spring 2014

An All-State Reunion is also a wonderful time to invite prospective members to join the Scottish Rite (any Valley can bring a candidate) at a unique Reunion that is guaranteed to be memorable! Talk to prospective members in your Lodges about the value of being a Scottish Rite Mason, including:

- Expanding your network of friends and Brethren from your hometown to the entire state,
- Supporting statewide speech therapy for Nebraska children through the RiteCare Clinics, watching the Degrees to get some ideas to bring back to your home Valley.



DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

We did, but snow melts, so we came up with another way to build one. First, we glued paper circles and triangles on plastic bags. We used Aleene's Tack-It Over & Over glue to get the paper pieces to stick to the plastic bag. Next, we filled the bags with ... shaving cream! Last, we hung the snowmen on the bulletin board.

This activity helps our students develop key language skills including:

- Following directions (first, next, last)
- Learning about shapes, colors, location, size, and numbers
- Learning about the parts of a snowman (or snowcat, depending on the builder)
- Touching different textures (sticky glue, shaving cream)

- Pronouncing words like "snow," "glue," "nose," "eyes," "mouth"

We allow for "artistic license" as well. Many younger students prefer to have extra eyes and noses; preschoolers like to add accessories, including whiskers, cat ears, hats, and buttons.

Many of our students enjoyed their snow creations so much, they took them home. Some of our "snow" creations made it to the bulletin board in our waiting room.



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LINCOLN VALLEY CELEBRATES LIFE OF PLOUGHMAN POET WITH ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT DINNER

Robert Burns, one of Scotland's most famous sons, is still celebrated for his poetry and music more than 220 years after his death at age 37. Born on January 25, 1759, Robert Burns' birthday is celebrated around the world with dinner, music, poetry, and of course, haggis, the national dish of Scotland. The Lincoln Scottish Rite celebrated the Ploughman Poet on January 27th with the annual Burns Night dinner.



the Scottish Rite Excellence Award. Joni and Linda have donated literally hundreds of hours to the Valley cooking, serving, cleaning afterward, and tackling numerous projects around the building. The Valley was proud to honor Joni and Linda for all the work they do without any fanfare.

The evening was sponsored by the Lincoln Knights of St. Andrew, and Hersh (32° KCCH) and Betty Talley served as the Burns Night Chairs, welcoming nearly 100 guests for a great evening. The dinner began with cocktails in the museum and Scottish songs by *Those Two*, local musicians David Purdham and Julie Schumacher.

Guests bid on silent auction items, including Scottish ties, prints, antiques, and Husker gear, which raised several hundred dollars for the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic at the UNL Barkley Memorial Center. The KSA also raffled a bottle of Macallan's Scotch as a fundraiser.

After a welcome by our emcee, Jerry Pigsley, 32°, Dr. Steve Lahey gave the Selkirk Grace and invocation. With bagpiper Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn, the KSA piped in the guest of honor - the haggis. Dr. Lahey read Burns immortal *Ode to a Haggis*, stabbing the "Great chieftain o' the pudding-race" with the assistance of Hersh and Betty's grandchildren Annaleis and Herschel Talley, IV.

After a fantastic dinner, guests enjoyed iced cranachan, the national dessert of Scotland made from whipped cream, flavored with whiskey, honey and topped with raspberries and oats.

As a surprise, Jerry Pigsley called Joni Bennett and Linda Wood to the podium, where he honored them with the

The traditional Toast to the Lassies was given by KSA Knight Master Andy Seachord, 32°. Not to be outdone by Andy, the Reply to the Laddies was given by Brooke Welsh. M.W. Richard Myers, Grand Master of Masons gave closing remarks for the evening, thanking the guests for allowing him to join the Valley as his last major event before his term as Grand Master ended the following Saturday. The evening closed with *Those Two* singing Scottish a medley of Scottish songs and leading the attendees in Auld Lang Syne.

The Robert Burns Dinner has grown to be the Valley of Scottish Rite's premier event each year, and one not to miss. Mark your calendars for January 26, 2019 for the next Robert Burns Dinner!



Above: M.W. Rick Myers, 33° passes under the KSA Arch of Steel; Below: Nick Furchert, 32° and Andy Seachord, 32° having a little fun while tending bar at the Burns Dinner.

2018 Lincoln Calendar

March 17 ... Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
May 4-5 Spring Reunion
May 16 Table Lodge
May TBD Walk for RiteCare
June 20 SR Club Dinner in Friend, NE
July 18 Family Picnic
October 13 Feast of Tishri
December 1 RiteCare Children's Christmas party
December 8 Christmas Banquet
January 19, 2019 Robert Burns Dinner

Last Wednesday of each month
Burger Night (5:30 to 7 pm)

Thursday Lunches at 11:45 (\$6)

St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17, 2018

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
5:30 Social | 6:00 Dinner

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Hersh, Edward and Scott installed as 2018 Masters for the Scottish Rite Lodges

Serving as Installing Master, Michael Gray, 33° installed the 2018 Officers for the Scottish Rite on Saturday, January 13, 2018. George McCabe, 33° (not present due to illness) is Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Scott Dietrick, 32° is Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. Edward Boone, 32° is Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh, and Herschel Talley 32° KCCH was installed as Eminent Commander of Kadosh for the Lincoln Consistory. Andy Seachord, 32° is Knight Commander for the Knights of St. Andrew.

Mike presented a plaque to Jerry Pigsley with his thanks for his year as Venerable Master in 2017, and recognized Ward Shires, 32° KCCH and Bill Hayes, 32° for their year as Masters.



Top Left: Chris Nigro, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection with his officers; Top Right: Charles Sohm, 32° KCCH, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix with his officers; Bottom Left: Steve Zimmerman, 32°, Eminent Commander of the Council of Kadosh; Bottom Right: David Meinzer, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of Kadosh and the Omaha Consistory Officers

2018 Officers Installed for Scottish Rite Bodies

The Officers for the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Omaha Consistory bodies of the Scottish Rite were installed on Monday, January 15, 2018. Installing Master Paul Rutherford, 33° explained the duties of each office, declaring each officer duly installed.

As Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, Chris Nigro, 32° KCCH served as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner, welcoming guests, including Grand Master Rick Myers, 33° and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr., 33°. Chris called attention to the wonderful unity Omaha Masonic bodies share as so many Brothers are also serve as Grand Lodge, Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, Shrine, and York Rite officers while also being active Scottish Rite Masons.

"It is my honor to serve the Omaha Valley as Venerable Master," said Chris as the evening concluded. "After speaking with the rest of my line, our goals for this year are re-engagement and membership. I would love to see our Reunions, monthly Lodge dinners and other special events 'sold out' with no room left in the building. Also, without membership, how can we continue our great Fraternity? We will continue to visit Blue Lodges and promote membership in the University of Freemasonry."

SIT ON YER STUMP

Stump Sitters wanted!

We need Brethren willing to be on-call during as much of a Scottish Rite Reunion as they can attend to serve in non-speaking roles, sometimes at short notice.



Stump Sitters are the human equivalent of background scenery, setting the mood as craftsmen, courtiers, knights or soldiers. Any speaking parts are very minimal. Your reward for these pivotal roles is creating an impressive Reunion experience for candidates. And we will pay in donuts!

If you are interested, please contact John Maxell, 33° at maxelljt@scottishrite-omaha.org.

Knights of St. Andrew

Annual Membership Dinner and Dennis P. Samuelson Award

Venerable Master Wade Ridout, 32° KCCH welcomed 30 Knights of St. Andrew and their ladies to the annual Membership Appreciation Dinner on Friday, January 19, 2018.

After an excellent dinner catered by Jim Hirl, 32°, Wade Ridout thanked the members for an excellent year. Kyle Beckner, 32° presented Knights with service stars for working a total of 231 gigs in 2017, with a volunteer value of \$11,600 given to the Valley. Kyle particularly recognized Carl Simmons, 32° and TJ Brumfield, 32° for working 45 and 42 gigs respectively in 2017. Jim Flowers, 32° and Bob Pelletier, 32° also worked 27 gigs each during the year. The KSA receives \$100 for hosting rental events as greeters, and the money is donated back to the Valley. In 2017, this included financial donations for quartz counters in the restrooms, CPR training and new chairs for the lounge.

Among the most important purposes of the evening is the presentation of the



Wade Ridout (right) presents the 2017 Dennis Samuelson Award to Alan Boulter, 32° (left).

Dennis P. Samuelson Award. The Samuelson Award recognizes a 32° "Black Hat" member of less than 5 year's membership, who has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership. This year's recipient is Alan Boulter, 32°, recognized for his leadership coordinating the KSA "Chain Gang" highway clean-up during the year, serving at numerous events and gigs, often staying until the very end to clean up. Alan's name will be engraved on the Dennis P. Samuelson Quach on display in the Scottish Rite lobby along with recipients.

OMAHA SCOTTISH RITE 5th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET AWARDS CEREMONY

The Valley of Omaha Scottish Rite hosted the 5th annual Christmas banquet and awards ceremony on Monday, December 18th. Our emcees for the evenings were Chuck Sederstrom III, 32° KCCH and the officers of the Lodge of Perfection.

140 Scottish Rite Masons, their ladies and guests gathered for cocktails in the lounge. Lee Terry, 33° began the evening with a seasonal debate, arguing that Christ is being removed from Christmas, replaced with Santa Claus and commercialism. Hal Daub, 33° argued that Christ remains the central theme of Christmas. Hal and Lee always give a stimulating debate, with plenty of fireworks and much to think about.

The Culinary Masters prepared their famous prime rib, served with salad, a baked potato, and an ice cream bar with Christmas cookies and treats.

After dinner, Chuck Sederstrom and his officers presented awards to recognize Brethren who have made a difference during the year as volunteers, leaders, and mentors. A.J. Johnson recognized Lee Terry, 33° for his fantastic degree work for many years in the 32° as well as the 21° Degree team, which is one of the most impressive Degrees staged during Reunions.

On behalf of the Stage Crew, Chuck Sohm, 32° KCCH recognized Wade Ridout, 32° KCCH for his countless hours perfecting the sound and lights software, working bugs out of the system, and creating an excellent Reunion experience for candidates. For the Royal Order of the Duck, Flight Commander Don Leu, 32° recognized Scott

Reuman, 32° KCCH for his numerous hours spent working on the stage, lights, and theater.

On behalf of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, his Personal Representative Paul Rutherford, 33° presented the SGIG's Awards to Jim Flowers, 32°, who has set up the trains at Christmas each year, generously volunteers for the KSA, degree work, the fish fry, and selflessly gives his time and talent to the Valley. Ralph Joos, Jr., 33° was also honored for his 50-year dedication to the Valley, including his leadership of the Spring and Fall Reunions. Thanks to his catch-phrase "Pay up, deadbeat!" the Out-ings have operated at a profit for several years! In true fashion, Ralph was down in the kitchen, cleaning up after the dinner when his name was called.

Carl Simmons, 32° was recognized with the General Secretary's Award as a Scottish Rite Mason of less than five years, who has stood out for volunteering as a Knight of St. Andrew, for Degree work, and wherever or whenever needed.

Amanda Beckner received the Ladies Award, in recognition of her volunteering as a bartender at numerous events during the year.



Armel MacDonald, 32° KCCH presented the final awards for the evening. Chuck Sohm, 32° KCCH was recognized for serving as a mentor to many Brethren as a Line Officer, on the Stage Crew, with the Royal Order of the Duck and Knights of St. Andrew. Gary Unger, 32° KCCH was presented with the Ambassador award, always representing the best of Freemasonry in all the bodies. Don Kavalec, 32° KCCH received the Leadership award, in testimony to his service as a Past Master of Kadosh for the Omaha Consistory, Past Venerable Master of the KSA, Degree work, running the Master Craftsman program, and serving on numerous committees.

The evening owes a special thanks to Steven Barchus, 33° who showed up as Santa Claus, sitting for photos with members and guests. The evening gave members plenty of laughs, a great evening, and boasted a wonderful attendance. The Christmas banquet has become a beloved tradition in the Scottish Rite Valley, so mark your calendar for December 17th for this year's banquet.



Photos: 1) Sally Carlson with Santa Claus (Steve Barchus, 33°), 2) Patrick Graves, 32°, Stephen Milton, 32° and Gary Williams, 32°, 3) Jim Flowers, 32° receiving the SGIG's Award, 4) Chris Carter, 32° KCCH, the chick magnet

Lincoln RiteCare Mom Thanks Scottish Rite Masons for Supporting Children's Therapy

We first heard about the Lincoln Scottish RiteCare Clinic in November, 2015. Our son Morgan, was not making progress with his school speech therapist, and she suspected that he had Childhood Apraxia of Speech. We were very overwhelmed with this diagnosis as it's a long hard road of lots of therapy for years. After being on the wait list, he began working with Holly [Schlautman] in August, 2016. When we started, he had minimal intelligible words and could mostly only be understood by family. In the past year, he has made so much progress! He is meeting so many of his goals and is now so much more understandable! It's unbelievable to finally be able to have a conversation with my son!

We also have a daughter, Molly, who has just started working with Carrie at the Scottish RiteCare Clinic in September, 2017. She is a little delayed in speech, especially from having her brother as a speech model. It has been so nice being able to have her receive therapy at Scottish Rite's RiteCare Clinic as our health insurance does not cover therapy for delays and our school district claims she is not delayed enough to receive therapy. Without the Scottish Rite RiteCare Clinic, I don't know where we'd be.



Miss Holly with Morgan and Molly. They are holding crackers because that is their favorite treat to earn after therapy.

I am so proud of how hard my children work in speech. They have both grown so much, not only with their spoken language, but socially as well. Holly and Carrie have made learning and working so much fun for them. They have made so much of a difference in our lives! Thank you so much to them, and to the Scottish Rite Masons for providing these life changing speech therapy services for families like ours.

Thank you!

Liesal, Josh, Morgan and Molly Hoffman



House of the Temple Supports Nebraska RiteCare Services With \$5,000 Donation

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska received a donation of \$5,000 from the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction USA earmarked for our RiteCare Speech and Language Clinics.

This supports 50 sessions of therapy for Nebraska children at the Clinics in Kearney, Hastings, Omaha and Lincoln. Nationally, the Scottish Rite Foundation donated \$220,000 this past year to Southern Jurisdiction Orients for RiteCare, representing a significant investment from the House of the Temple in speech therapy delivered in each Valley.

On behalf of the children the RiteCare Clinics will serve in Nebraska this year, thanks to all the Scottish Rite Masons who support the House of the Temple, which in turn supports our own RiteCare Clinics!

Membership, *continued*

But I don't tell you this tale of two cities to sound doom and gloom. Quite the opposite, in fact. Particularly for the Scottish Rite, we have members rallying across the state in Alliance, Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha. The calendars boast Reunions in each Valley, weekly lunches or morning donuts and coffee, membership events throughout the year, a leadership that is responsive to the demands of the membership and a membership that gets involved.

But we need to be vigilant to fill the gaps in creating the positive Scottish Rite (and Blue Lodge) experience so we don't go the way of the first Valley. Does your Valley have a need for someone to manage social media/internet and e-mail communications to members? Is someone in charge of education, providing monthly discussion about history and philosophy? Has the Lodge officers created a calendar of events for the coming year so



A packed Ballroom at the Lincoln Christmas banquet, a sign of a vibrant and dynamic Valley.

members can plan their attendance well in advance? All of this is circular. The website/social media manager needs events to add. That means we need to offer more than the promise of green beans and short meetings. We need members who can provide fellowship, education, and programs and events. And to fill the room for events and provide fellowship, we need a positive Reunion experience, which requires a membership committee out talking to prospective members at Lodges. Each element in a successful Valley requires that everyone is pitching in and doing their part!

The success of the Valley in the earlier example came down to one simple thing: members used their voice. They didn't rollover for the inevitable. As a Past Grand Master once said, Grand Lodge isn't the Grand Master and it isn't the building. It is the members. Same with the Scottish Rite. We are the leaders, and when we create a plan, get active, we have dynamic Valleys across the state. Nebraska sure does, and you should be proud of your Valley and your Orient.

If you are as proud as I am of how the Nebraska Scottish Rite has continued to thrive for more than a century in our Masonic homes, get involved in your Valley. Create and manage those programs and events that keep Brethren coming back and getting them involved. If we can keep doing that, we can make sure we are never going to have a "For Sale" sign in front of the Valley door and wind up as someone else's cautionary tale.



Giving the Gift of VOICE

Even as the stock market has increased dramatically in 2018, fundraisers have been biting their nails over the 2018 tax changes. Fundraising analysts have feared that the non-profit world may raise \$20 billion less in 2018 as the standard deduction increases, reducing the ability to deduct donations.

But early indicators show that while major donors may change their habits, including “bundling” donations to take advantage of the tax changes, regular donors will still give as usual. This comes down to a fundamental reflection of their faith in the mission of the organizations.

This past year, Scottish Rite Masons have truly stepped up to support our \$632,000 annual budget for speech therapy for our RiteCare Clinics. Twenty-one Scottish Rite Masons donated \$300 as charter SGIG Circle members (with time to donate through June 30th as charter SGIG Circle members, receiving Charles Sederstrom’s challenge coin as a donor) and

and over sixty Scottish Rite Masons have donated \$101, the price of one session of therapy, as 101-Club members. Members have called asking about charitable gift annuities, which provide income for life as well as tax advantages, with the principal supporting the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska after their death. Members want to know about how they can make a planned gift, remembering the Scottish Rite Foundation in their estate plans.

This speaks of greater awareness about our mission of helping children speak, as well as our teachers of the year awards, scholarships, and support for our historic Scottish Rite buildings. No one knows what will happen this year with the investment markets, but I hope you will continue to support our good works with your donations. If you want to learn more about RiteCare or how you can establish a charitable gift annuity or provide for your favorite Masonic philanthropies in your estate, please call me at (402) 342-1300 or e-mail me at micah@SRNE.org.

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